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- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. This regulation describes the organization of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors (BERH) and defines its mission.
- 2. <u>Applicability</u>. This regulation is applicable to HQUSACE elements and all field operating activities.
- 3. <u>Establishment</u>. The Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors was established by Act of Congress approved 13 June 1902 (32 Stat. 372). Its mission was expanded by Public Law 172, 88th Congress, approved 7 November 1963, which abolished the Beach Erosion Board.

## 4. Organization

- a. The Board is comprised of seven Corps of Engineers officers.
- b. The organization of the Board Staff is shown in Appendix A.
- 5. <u>Mission</u>. The Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, under the direction of the Commanding General, USACE:
- a. Conducts independent review of reports as requested by Acts of Congress or resolutions of Congressional Committees, or as directed by the Chief of Engineers, concerning proposed works for development of the water resources of the United States; prepares reports and recommendations thereon in compliance with study directives, with regard to formulation of project scope, suitability of engineering plans, adequacy of costs, economic justification, requirements of local cooperation by the Federal Government.
- b. Reviews reports and makes recommendations for major modification or reconstruction of existing navigation improvements to insure conformity with existing authorized improvements and essentiality for efficient and economical maintenance and operations.

- c. Provides independent evaluation and counsel with respect to the environmental quality aspects of water resources development.
- d. Provides assistance, as required to HQUSACE in the uniform application of policy and related procedures for the project formulation process.
- e. Provides the Resident Member as a Second Alternate to serve, as a representative of the Secretary of the Army, on the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Committee of Alternates with the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury when the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) is not available. The Resident Member is also authorized by the Secretary of the Army to act on the Secretary's behalf on all nondiscretionary matters involving Foreign-Trade Zones.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

ALBERT J. GENETTI, JR. Colonel, Corps of Engineers

Chief of Staff

Appendix A Organization Chart

BOARD OF ENGINEERS FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS APPENDIX A

